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ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ON DETENTION OF TRADE UNIONISTS

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DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM IS
BEING SENT BY THE AFL-CIO TO ADDIS ABABA ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 1. QUOTE TELEGRAM FROM GEORGE MEANY - PRESIDENT OF
THE AFL-CIO TO COMMISSIONER OF LABOR IN OFFICE OF PRIME
MINISTER, ETHIOPIA -

QTE THE AFL-CIO IS DEEPLY DISTURBED OVER THE ARREST OF
ATO BEYENE SOLOMON, PRESIDENT OF CELU (CONFEDERATION OF
ETHIOPIAN LABOR UNIONS), AND FISSEHA TSION TEKLE, GENERAL
SECRETARY.

QTE ATO BEYENE IS A HIGHLY RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING
BODY OF THE ILO AND VICE PRESIDENT OF OATUU. ATO FISSEHA
IS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE OATUU AND REGION-
AL SECRETARY OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE
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ICFTU. IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THESE PROMINENT

DEDICATED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
TRADE UNION LEADERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

QTE WHILE WE CERTAINLY RESPECT THE FREEDOM AND AUTONOMY OF
THE PRESENT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND HAVE BEEN SYMPA-

THETIC TO THE REFORMS WHICH ARE BEING INSTITUTED, WE ARE
NOW CONCERNED THAT THIS ATTACK ON CELU LEADERSHIP WILL
PREVENT THE ETHIOPIAN LABOR MOVEMENT FROM PLAYING ITS VI-
TAL ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT TRUE AND GENUINE REFORM TO ALL
THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA.

QTE WE JOIN WITH WORKERS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AROUND
THE FREE WORLD IN URGING THE RELEASE OF THE ELECTED
OFFICERS OF CELU, SO THAT CELU CAN RESUME ITS LEGITIMATE,
FREE AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION ACTIVITY FOR THE LONG
TERM SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF THE ENTIRE ETHIOPIAN
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